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House Bills

HB 1350 by Representatives G. Chandler and Linville

Changing water right appeals procedures for rights subject to a general stream adjudication.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/10/01)

Declares an intent to assure that appeals of department of ecology decisions regarding changes or transfers of water rights that are the subject of an ongoing general adjudication of water rights are governed by an appeals process that is efficient and eliminates unnecessary duplication, while fully preserving the rights of all affected parties.

Provides that, for proceedings involving decisions of the department on applications for changes or transfers of water rights that are the subject of a general adjudication of water rights that is being litigated actively under chapter 90.03 or 90.44 RCW, the petition must be filed with the superior court conducting the adjudication, to be consolidated by the court with the general adjudication.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or modify any treaty or other federal rights of an Indian tribe, or the rights of any federal agency or other person or entity arising under federal law.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24	First reading,	referred	to	Agriculture	&
	Ecology.				

Feb 20 AGEC - Executive action taken by committee.

AGEC - Majority; do pass.

Feb 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 27 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Mar 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 14 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Apr 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Apr 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 89; nays, 5; absent, 4.

- IN THE SENATE -

Apr 11 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Water.

Senate Bills

SB 5094-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Gardner, Honeyford, Hargrove and Costa)

Authorizing sales and use tax exemptions for call centers.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 4/09/01)

Finds that there are still areas of the state that have very high levels of unemployment despite strong statewide economic growth.

Finds that additional incentives are needed to promote economic stimulation and new employment opportunities in these distressed areas, and that these incentives are essential to increase economic growth in distressed areas.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on machinery and equipment and buildings used by businesses that establish call centers in distressed areas of the state.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2	WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be
	substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Apr 4 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Apr 5 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Apr 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 1.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Apr 11 First reading, referred to Finance.

SB 5419-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Long, Hargrove, Kline, Winsley and Kohl-Welles)

Providing additional treatment for drug offenders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that community safety and health are promoted and tax dollars are saved when offenders who abuse drugs are provided with effective treatment programs.

Finds that appropriate substance abuse treatment is effective, but that adult offenders with substance abuse problems often do not have access to the treatment needed to help them live healthier, more stable, and productive lives.

Declares an intent to increase the capacity of the criminal justice system to provide access to appropriate substance abuse treatment, at the local level, for all types of offenders who are diagnosed with substance abuse problems.

Declares an intent to fund the increased access by sentencing drug offenders commensurate to the seriousness of their offenses while continuing to punish offenders who manufacture methamphetamine or sell drugs for profit at current levels.

Declares an intent to ensure, as much as possible, that the treatment is effective by requiring the use of research proven and approved treatment programs under chapter 70.96A RCW. At the same time, through a distribution formula and grants, the legislature intends to provide counties with the flexibility to tailor their approach and seek local solutions to treatment issues while providing adequate oversight to make sure that funds are effectively used.

Creates the criminal justice treatment account in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be expended solely for substance abuse treatment for offenders against whom charges are filed by a prosecuting attorney in Washington state as well as to fund drug courts for the provision of drug and alcohol services for nonviolent offenders. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

Requires the department of corrections, the sentencing guidelines commission, the office of financial management, and the caseload forecast council to develop a methodology for calculating the projected biennial savings under this act. Savings shall be projected for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2003, and for each biennium thereafter. By December 1, 2001, the proposed methodology shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature. The methodology is deemed approved unless the legislature enacts legislation during the 2002 session to modify or reject the methodology.

Provides that, for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and each fiscal biennium thereafter, in consideration of the dollar amount savings reported under this act, the legislature shall direct the state treasurer to transfer an amount from the general fund into the criminal justice treatment account, divided into eight equal quarterly payments.

Provides that seventy percent of amounts appropriated to the division from the account shall be distributed to counties pursuant to the distribution formula adopted under this act. The division of alcohol and substance abuse, in consultation with the department of corrections, the sentencing guidelines commission, the Washington state association of counties, the Washington state association of drug court professionals, the superior court judges' association, representatives of the criminal defense bar, and any other person deemed by the division to be necessary, shall establish a fair and reasonable methodology for distribution to counties of moneys in the criminal justice treatment account.

Provides that thirty percent of the amounts appropriated to the division from the account shall be distributed as grants for purposes of treating offenders against whom charges are filed by a county prosecuting attorney.

Directs the sentencing guidelines commission, as part of the comprehensive review and evaluation of state sentencing policy, to address the appropriate sentencing and treatment of drug offenders and other offenders with substance abuse problems, with specific reference to the length of sentences, the needs and provision for inpatient and outpatient treatment that is proven and economically feasible, and the appropriate degree of offender supervision during substance abuse treatment.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate the effectiveness and financial impact of this act in meeting its stated purpose and intent.

Provides that RCW 43.135.035(4) does not apply to the transfers established in this act.

Requires the department of social and health services to annually review and monitor the expenditures made by any county which is funded, in whole or in part, with funds provided by this act. Counties shall repay any funds that are not spent in accordance with the requirements of this act.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 10 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5541-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Eide, Patterson, Fraser, Regala, Kline, Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Roach and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke)

Exempting wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, or solar energy electric generating facilities from sales and use taxes.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 4/09/01)

Declares that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of machinery and equipment used directly in generating electricity using wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment, but only if the purchaser develops with such machinery, equipment, and labor a facility capable of generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity and provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

Expires June 30, 2009.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW shall not apply with respect to machinery and equipment used directly in generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity using wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power.

Expires June 30, 2009.

Creates the joint committee on energy shortages of the legislature of the state of Washington.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 EEW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.

- Feb 16 Referred to Ways & Means.

 Mar 27 WM Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Environment, Energy & Water.
- Mar 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Apr 2 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Apr 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Apr 9 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted.

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